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1. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] soldiers were complaining about the long training hours and lack of passes and leaves. [redacted] received only one seven-day leave during [redacted] 25X1
entire 2½ years of service with the Polish Army. Soldiers also resented the political indoctrination which was presented in favor of the USSR.

Purges

2. [redacted] trials in 1950 of Generals (fmu) TATAR and (fmu) SPYCHALSKI, Colonels (fmu) RZEPECKI and (fmu) PIASECKI. The charges were treason and espionage for Western powers, suspicion of advocating the overthrow of the present regime, and Titoism. 25X1
3. In 1951, Admiral (fmu) STEYER was demoted from his position as admiral of the Polish fleet. A purge of high naval officers, who were on active duty before World War II, followed this demotion. [redacted] Commanders (fmu) RYSZARD, (fmu) DIADEK, and (fmu) CHIELOWIEJSKI were relieved from duty. Naval Captain (fmu) DRONKA [redacted] was sentenced to 15 years in prison on charges of treason or espionage for the Western imperialists. [redacted] 25X1

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Role of the Polish Army in the Conflict Between East and West

- 25X1 4. [] in the event of a conflict between the East
and West, the Polish Army would not be used against the West but
25X1 would be sent to the East. [] the majority of the Polish
soldiers were prepared for armed revolt against the Soviets and
the present Polish regime.

Civilians Wearing Army Uniforms

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- 25X1 5. [] Polish civilians wearing parts of army-type uniforms
25X1 or US and British manufacture. []

Youth Movements

6. The instructors of the Service to Poland (Sluzba Polsce - SP) were
Polish Army Officers. All youths in Poland between the ages of 16
and 18 had to join the SP. SP members received three to six months
training in close-order drill, marksmanship, as well as political
indoctrination.
7. Only volunteers from 14 to 25 who could give two ZMP members as
references were accepted into the Union of Polish Youth (Zwiazek
Mlodziezy Polskiej). Members had to be sons of peasants and
workers or sons of members of the United Polish Workers' Party
(Polska Zjednoczona Partia Robotnicza - PZPR). ZMP workers with a
special letter of recommendation from ZMP headquarters, had pre-
ference in attending officers' school, and could choose their
branch of service.

8. Children from 7 to 14 years of age had to join the Polish Scout
Organization (Zwiazek Harcerstwa Polskiego - ZHP). []

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Passive Anti-Aircraft Defense, Restrictions, and Coastal Defense

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[] a public order in May or June 1952 [] forbade
bathing on non-public beaches along the Gdansk and Szczecin coastal
area. Swimming on public beaches was restricted to the hours
between sunrise and sunset. Movements in fields, forests, and
forest paths along the entire coastal area of Poland at night was
forbidden under penalty of arrest by the security forces.

- 25X1 10. [] naval engineers were planting
mines in water two meters deep along the entire coastal area in
Poland. Bunkers and artillery positions were being constructed
along the entire coastal area of Gdansk and Szczecin.

Propaganda

11. In newspapers and newsreels the Polish Communist regime claimed that
in Korea the US forces were using bacteriological bombs, starving
and killing PWs and children, raping women, and robbing; that the
US population was using narcotics, and the US was filled with
homosexuals; US soldiers were deserting in Korea; US forces were
bombing hospitals, schools and civilian homes in Korea; US PWs were
sending petitions to the US to change the US from a capitalistic
government to a peoples' government; that the Peoples' Army in
North Korea was treating US PWs very well, and the food given US
PWs was excellent.

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